

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7153–S7206

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5249–5263, and S. Res. 871–873. **Pages S7199–S7200**

Measures Reported:

S. 1143, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation. (S. Rept. No. 117–256)

S. 1316, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make a declaration of a significant incident, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–257)

S. 4654, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–258)

H.R. 7211, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, review a final rule of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–259)

S. 3278, to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3533, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to improve the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment.

S. 4246, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program to provide grants related

to advance air mobility infrastructure, with amendments.

S. 4293, to prevent unfair and deceptive acts or practices and the dissemination of false information related to pharmacy benefit management services for prescription drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7198–99**

Measures Passed:

Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5943, to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7185**

Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 872, recognizing Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day on December 14, 2022. **Page S7185**

Authorizing the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 873, to authorize the production of records by the Secretary of the Senate and the Senate Sergeant at Arms. **Pages S7185–86**

Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act: Senate passed S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 6523, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7186–87**

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5973, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7187–88**

END FENTANYL Act: Senate passed S. 4460, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7188**

Lobbying Disclosure Act: Senate passed S. 4893, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. **Page S7188**

Federal Emergency Management Agency: Senate passed H.R. 5343, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on case management personnel turnover of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7188**

Wasteful Federal Programs Reduction Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 2135, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7188–89**

Schumer (for Hassan) Amendment No. 6524, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7189**

No TikTok on Government Devices Act: Senate passed S. 1143, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation. **Pages S7189–90**

Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1917, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7190**

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 6525, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7190**

Measures Failed:

Charter School Resolution: By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 390), Senate failed passage of S.J. Res. 60, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria-Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)-Grants to State Entities (State Entity Grants); Grants to Charter Management Organizations for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (CMO Grants); and Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants)”.

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House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7184**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6513 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to provide for American energy security by improving the permitting process. **Page S7184**

Schumer Amendment No. 6515 (to Amendment No. 6513), to add an effective date. **Page S7184**

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6516, to add an effective date. **Page S7184**

Schumer Amendment No. 6517 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 6516), to modify the effective date. **Page S7184**

Schumer Amendment No. 6518 (to Amendment No. 6517), to modify the effective date. **Page S7184**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6513 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 16, 2022. **Pages S7184–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6513 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment). **Page S7185**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7184**

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment

of the House to S. 3846, to reauthorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.

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Small Business Cyber Training Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors.

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Johnson Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2022, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for a term of fifteen years, that there be ten minutes of debate in the usual form on the nomination; and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 391), Francisco O. Mora, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—391) Pages S7162, S7180

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7205.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 766 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

FTX

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine why the FTX bubble burst and the harm to consumers, including S. 4857, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require companies to file public reports after meeting certain quantitative thresholds, after receiving testimony from Hilary J. Allen, American University Washington College of Law, and Jennifer J. Schulp, Cato Institute Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives, both of Washington, D.C.; Kevin O'Leary, O'Shares, Toronto, Ontario; and Ben McKenzie Schenkkan, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 4439, to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving access to capital in underserved communities, focusing on the Community Advantage program, microloans, and other Small Business Administration initiatives, including S. 5102, to authorize the Community Advantage Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, S. 5022, to allow recipients of certain loans made or guaranteed by the Small Business Administration to use the loan proceeds to provide childcare services to employees, and S. 1587, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in the loan programs of the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Jon Gaines, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Milwaukee; Nick Schwellenbach, Project On Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.; Robert Villarreal, Momentum Capital and CDC Small Business Finance, Chula Vista, California; and Annemarie Murphy, First Bank of the Lake, Greenville, South Carolina.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 9524–9566; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1520–1524, were introduced. **Pages H9851–52**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9854–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6611, to authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, DC, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–625, Part 1);

H.R. 160, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–626);

H.R. 920, to amend the Act entitled “Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes” to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–627);

H.R. 1503, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments in leasing on Federal lands for oil and gas drilling, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–628, Part 1);

H.R. 1505, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments to the regulation of surface-disturbing activities and to protect taxpayers from unduly bearing the reclamation costs of oil and gas development, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–629);

H. Res. 1518, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1948) to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify authorities relating to the collective bargaining of employees in the Veterans Health Administration; providing for consideration of the bill (S. 3905) to prevent organizational conflicts of interest in Federal acquisition, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (S. 4003) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives

to use of force de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises; providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1437) to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, and for other purposes; relating to consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) to amend section 1115 of (H. Rept. 117–630);

H.R. 1506, to provide for the accurate reporting of fossil fuel extraction and emissions by entities with leases on public land, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–631, Part 1);

H.R. 1517, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to make certain adjustments to the fiscal terms for fossil fuel development and to make other reforms to improve returns to taxpayers for the development of Federal energy resources, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–632);

H.R. 2643, to require the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to further develop, finalize, and implement updated regulations for offshore oil and gas pipelines to address long-standing limitations regarding its ability to ensure active pipeline integrity and address safety and environmental risks associated with decommissioning, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–633);

H.R. 2794, to provide for the protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and interconnected Federal lands and waters, including Voyageurs National Park, within the Rainy River Watershed in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–634);

H.R. 3128, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–635);

H.R. 3326, to promote the development of renewable energy on public lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–636, Part 1);

H.R. 3670, to improve access for outdoor recreation through the use of special recreation permits on Federal recreational lands and waters, and for

other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–637, Part 1);

H.R. 3686, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–638, Part 1);

H.R. 6435, to provide for the application of certain provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for fiscal year 2021 (H. Rept. 111–639, Part 1);

H.R. 6936, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal to benefit programs that combat invasive species (H. Rept. 117–640, Part 1);

H.R. 6856, to reduce the number of firearms at Transportation Security Administration passenger screening checkpoints by directing the Administrator to carry out a range of activities to inform the public about restrictions regarding the carrying of firearms in sterile areas of airports and to strengthen enforcement of such restrictions and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–641);

H.R. 8393, to enable the people of Puerto Rico to choose a permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status for Puerto Rico and to provide for a transition to and the implementation of that permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–642); and

H. Res. 1519, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8393) to enable the people of Puerto Rico to choose a permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status for Puerto Rico and to provide for a transition to and the implementation of that permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–643). **Pages H9850–51**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cooper to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9731**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9743**

Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc: Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1518, Representative Hoyer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions would be vacated to the end that all such motions would be considered as withdrawn: H.R. 1082, as amended; H.R. 5349; H.R. 6218; H.R. 6220; H.R. 6221; H.R. 6611, as amended; H.R. 6630; H.R. 6725; H.R. 7832; H.R. 8665; S. 558; S. 589 and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 7077, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 349 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 522. **Pages H9803–10**

Agreed to amend the title of H.R. 1082 as follows: “To prohibit the unauthorized sale of ride-hailing signage and study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal assaults in TNC and for-hire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives”. **Page H9810**

Agreed to amend the title of H.R. 6611 as follows: “To authorize the Government of France to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union, and for other purposes.”. **Page H9810**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in continuing remembrance of the victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. **Page H9810**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:33 p.m. and reconvened at 2:42 p.m. **Page H9810**

Providing Research and Estimates of Changes In Precipitation Act: The House agreed to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1437, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide comprehensive and regularly updated Federal precipitation information, with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 523. **Pages H9839–40**

H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 521, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 212 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 520. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, H. Con. Res. 124 is considered passed House.

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, H. Res. 1516 is considered passed House. **Pages H9745–52**

Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1437: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to H. Con. Res. 123, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1437. **Page H9815**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Iran Hostages Congressional Gold Medal Act: S. 2607, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the former hostages of the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979–1981, highlighting their resilience throughout the unprecedented ordeal that they lived through and the national unity it produced, marking 4 decades since their 444 days in

captivity, and recognizing their sacrifice to the United States; **Pages H9815–17**

Directing the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall for installation in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds: S. 5229, to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to remove the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol and to obtain a bust of Thurgood Marshall for installation in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds; **Pages H9817–21**

VAWA Technical Amendment Act of 2022: S. 7, to make a technical amendment to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; **Pages H9821–23**

Countering Human Trafficking Act: S. 2991, to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking; **Pages H9823–26**

Prison Camera Reform Act: S. 2899, to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates; and **Pages H9826–28**

Billy's Law: S. 5230, to increase accessibility to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, to facilitate data sharing between such system and the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 422 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 526. **Page H9842**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:46 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m. **Page H9821**

Equal Access to Green cards for Legal Employment Act: The House considered H.R. 3648, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants. Further consideration was postponed. **Page H9821**

H. Res. 1508, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3648) and (H.R. 7946) was agreed to Tuesday, December 6th.

Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act of 2022: The House passed S. 4003, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for training on alternatives to use of force, de-escalation, and mental and behavioral health and suicidal crises, by a yeand-nay vote of 264 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 525. **Page H9841**

H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 216 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 521, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 212 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 520. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, H. Con. Res. 124 is considered passed House.

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1518, H. Res. 1516 is considered passed House. **Pages H9745–52**

Preventing Organizational Conflicts of Interest in Federal Acquisition Act: The House passed S. 3905, to prevent organizational conflicts of interest in Federal acquisition, by a yeand-nay vote of 219 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 524. **Pages H9840–41**

H. Res. 1518, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1948), (S. 3905), (S. 4003), the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1437), and the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2617) was agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 216 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 521, after the previous question was ordered by a yeand-nay vote of 212 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 520. **Pages H9745–52**

Senate Referrals: S. 4926 was held at the desk. S. 5006 was held at the desk. S. 5066 was held at the desk. **Page H9817**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9817.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9751–52, H9752, H9809–10, H9839–40, H9840–41, H9841, and H9842.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Corporation for National and Community Service”. Testimony was heard from Deborah Jeffrey, Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service; and Michael Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 1476, of inquiry requesting the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents or records relating to coordination between social media companies and the Biden administration on information, censorship, and censorship meetings in order to suppress or deplatform persons or information the administration views as misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation on COVID-19, Hunter Biden, and elections, and certain documents or records relating to plans to provide grant funding to consortiums, including the Democratic National Committee, in the United States. H. Res. 1476 was ordered reported, without amendment.

CONSUMERS FIRST: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Consumers First: Semi-Annual Report of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THE CAUCASUS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards the Caucasus”. Testimony was heard from Karen Donfried, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

THE RISE OF ANTI-LGBTQI+ EXTREMISM AND VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Rise of Anti-LGBTQI+ Extremism and Violence in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREPARING FOR AND PREVENTING THE NEXT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Preparing for and Preventing the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned from the Coronavirus Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus held a business meeting on the Report on “Preparing for and Preventing the Next Public Health Emergency: Lessons Learned

from the Coronavirus Crisis”. The Report was agreed to, as amended.

PUERTO RICO STATUS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 8393, the “Puerto Rico Status Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8393, the “Puerto Rico Status Act”. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–74 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Westerman, Hice, and González-Colón.

BUILDING REGIONAL INNOVATION ECONOMIES PART II

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Building Regional Innovation Economies Part II”. Testimony was heard from Alejandra Castillo, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation on the VA Housing Loan Forever Act of 2022. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clyburn; John Bell III, Executive Director, VA Home Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES THROUGH TRADE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Promoting Sustainable Environmental Practices Through Trade Policy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**SAVING UKRAINE'S CHILDREN**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on saving Ukraine's children from Mykola Kuleba, and Dmytro Filipenko,

both of Save Ukraine; and James S. Gordon, The Center for Mind-Body Medicine.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1210)

H.R. 8404, to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage. Signed on December 13, 2022. (Public Law 117–228)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold

hearings to examine the impact of plastic use and identifying solutions for reducing plastic waste, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to receive a closed briefing on Russian activity across Africa, 10 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2774, to amend title 35, United States Code, to address patent ownership, and the nominations of Todd E. Edelman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Jill E. Steinberg, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine promoting healthy and affordable food for older Americans, 10 a.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Examining Uvdale: The Search for Bipartisan Solutions to Gun Violence”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 15.0”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Senators should expect additional roll call votes.

The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the House Message to accompany H.R. 7776, National Defense Authorization Act, is at 1 p.m.

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Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1948—VA Employee Fairness Act. Consideration of H.R. 8393—Puerto Rico Status Act (Subject to a Rule).

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